

Fairgrounds feature church antique show

By KATE GILDERDALE
Feverish preparations are underway for the seventh annual Anglican Church Antique Show, which takes place Friday and Saturday at the Markham Fairgrounds.

What started as a modest local show at the old arena has now turned into a major community event, attracting dealers from as far away as Montreal, Laval, Ottawa and Windsor.

This year promises to be the biggest show ever, with spaces reserved for 115 dealers, according to committee chairman John Campbell. With over 3,000 attending last year, and publicity including newspaper flyers and signs, the stage seems set for another successful event.

Exhibitors will cover everything from antique pine, silver and glassware to militaria, dolls, jewelry and furniture.

An area will be set aside for special events — and demonstrations of various skills including spinning, stencilling, weaving and furniture refinishing will take place during the show. Refreshments will be available, all supplied by congregation members, including a country kitchen bake table.

"This is a fund raising event," Mr. Campbell noted, "with an emphasis on the first three letters of fund." Proceeds from the show go towards paying off costs incurred during the rebuilding of the church.

Rev. Paul Scuse noted that the project is also a community service. "It brings together a large cross-section of dealers and saves a lot of running around for those interested in antiques."

Calling the show one of the best in Ontario, Rev. Scuse said, "This is a church project, one that everyone gets involved in. We work together, get tired together and have fun together."

Hours are 6-10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$1 for seniors and children under 14. Parking is free.

Visitors will receive a directory at the entrance, which will list dealer locations, special event areas and other relevant information.



This tree's just one in a million. Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority planted its millionth tree this spring. The above are being planted at Stan Jones' property in East Gwillimbury.

A million new trees

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority planted its one millionth tree this spring.

The tree was planted on land in East Gwillimbury and is part of 3,500 seedlings to be planted on the property of Stan Jones.

Ninety-six thousand trees and shrubs are scheduled to be planted this spring under the LSRCA's reforestation and planting programs.

Forests are important in the prevention of soil erosion. They also reduce flooding by retaining water from rain and melting snow, and provide a home for birds and wildlife as well as making the scenery more attractive.

The LSRCA says that although it has reached the one million mark, there are still about 420 hectares of land that are either erodible or poor quality for agriculture. The authority hopes to reforest these areas to protect the land.

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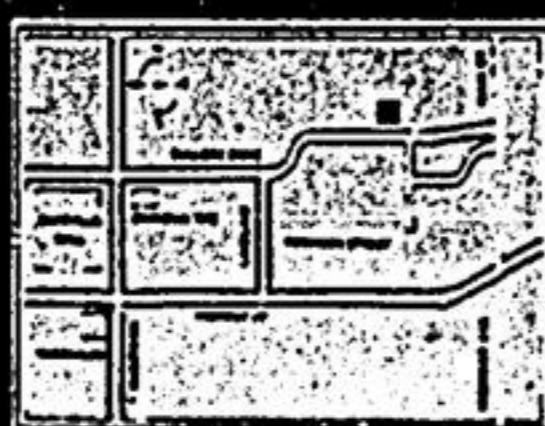
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